REMARKS

The application includes claims 1-23 prior to entering this amendment.

The examiner allows claims 2-8 and 10-23. The examiner rejects claims 1 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kim et al. (U.S. Patent 6,862,245).

The applicants amend no claims.

The application remains with claims 1-23 after entering this amendment.

The applicants add no new matter and request reconsideration

Claims Allowed

The applicants thank examiner Pham for allowing claims 2-8 and 10-23.

Claim Rejections Under § 102

The examiner rejects claims 1 and 9 as old over Kim. The applicants traverse the rejection for the reasons that follow.

The applicants will submit an English translation of the Korean priority document to perfect priority under MPEP § 706.02(b)(E), as soon as possible and as a supplement to this amendment. The effective date of the present application will therefore be January 20, 2003, prior to Kim's U.S. filing date of June 3, 2003. Kim, therefore, will not be prior art to the present application under § 102(e).

The applicants request the examiner allow claims 1 and 9 after he receives the English translation of the Korean priority document.

Conclusion

The applicants request reconsideration and allowance of all claims. The applicants encourage examiner Pham to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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